

Clearing with cloudy periods this afternoon and cold winds north 30 gusting to 50. Low-high, 8 and 18.

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

Prussian Diplomat Said Spy

CANBERRA (Reuters) — The Australian government Thursday ordered Soviet diplomat Ivan Skripov to leave the country in seven days on charges he made "elaborate preparations for espionage." Canadian passport figures in the case.

External Affairs Minister Sir Garfield Barwick issued a long explanation for expulsion of Skripov, a first secretary, and produced in evidence 22 photographs taken by Australian security agents.

The photographs dominated the front pages of Thursday night's Australian newspapers. They included pictures of a meeting between Skripov and a woman agent in various locations, a photo of a "mystery man" found in Canadian passport and one of a high-speed radio transmitter seized by agents.

The Canadian passport was picked up by Skripov's woman agent in London. She explained the woman actually was working for Australian counter-espionage.

She was said to have been instructed her to exchange messages in invisible ink.

Skripov also was alleged to have given the woman the radio-transmitter and told her to turn it over to the man in the Canadian passport photo.

Skripov lives here with his wife and nine-year-old son.

APPLIES TO WIFE — Barwick said in the statement the expulsion order also applied to Skripov's wife, who he said, accompanied her husband on four of his meetings with the woman.

Barwick said Mrs. Skripov remained in the car on each of the four meetings and did not participate in the meetings.

Skripov was the first Soviet diplomat to arrive here following the resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

Relations were severed in 1954 when Soviet ambassador official Vladimir Petrov and his wife defected. Petrov's defection was the subject of a commission on spying in Australia.

The Soviet embassy issued a rejected Skripov's allegations against Skripov. It said the evidence produced "speculatively" to cast a slur upon one of the members of the embassy staff.

Grass Roots Appeal Prepared By DCS

OTTAWA (CP) — Conservative party back-benchers had their say Thursday in shaping the government's campaign strategy for the April 8 general election.

As far as the men and women backing him are concerned, it looks like a campaign lasting five or six weeks, which Prime Minister Diefenbaker will travel mostly by train.

It's to be a grass roots appeal, emphasizing policies and ideas won't be the party brass from the rank-and-files.

The Conservatives met all day in a closed caucus meeting with key personnel from party headquarters.

Most of the talking was done by the MPs, describing their individual political problems back home and telling Mr. Diefenbaker and the cabinet what they want the campaign to be like.

PM LISTENED — Dalton T. C. Camp, newly-named chairman of the Conservative campaign committee, attended the meeting. It was reported that he and Mr. Diefenbaker did more listening and less talking than was the case on the eve of last year's election when Allan Groart, former national director of the party and now a senator, did most of the talking.

Mr. Camp told reporters that the meeting seemed agreed that because of the winter weather conditions which will prevail through most of the country until election day, the high-flying "prop-stop" type of campaign conducted for last year's election will be difficult to repeat.

Instead, most of the prime minister's travels are to be while-stopping-by train-slower, more comfortable, and less tiring for the campaigner.

Caucus chair man a George H. Brown, NDP member of commerce, said at the outset of Thursday's session that West-Canadian NDP leader, Diefenbaker's leadership is "out, done, cleaned up, and finished with."

"Peace has returned to the farm," said Defence Production Minister O'Hurley.

Winter Navigation Views

Halifax Harbors Board Head Draws Sharp Replies

NOTTINGHAM, England (Reuters) — Robin Hood, local radio host, who begged the rich to fund the poor, is to get police protection, it was announced Thursday.

Too many vandals have been stealing the bow and arrow from his bronze statue beside the wall of Nottingham Castle.

The arrow, which costs \$70 to replace, has vanished at least a dozen times.

City authorities in Nottingham, "a m.c.t.o.w." of Robin Hood and the Sherwood forest men, asked police Thursday to intensify their watch on the statue.

Law To Aid Robin Hood

HALIFAX (CP) — Howard Mann, chairman of the National Harbors Board, Thursday amplified in a telegram remarks he made Wednesday in favor of winter navigation at Montreal.

The Montreal Star's remarks that drew sharp criticism from port officials and business leaders here.

Interviewed in Montreal Wednesday, Mr. Mann said winter navigation on the St. Lawrence River is "a natural evolution."

"The chairman of the National Harbors Board declared himself in favor of winter navigation in Montreal."

"Recent developments show that year-round navigation to Montreal is coming, and the harbors board welcomes it."

"The Gazette said: 'The chairman of the National Harbors Board admitted here yesterday that year-round navigation to Montreal is a distinct possibility in the future and gave his approval to the idea.'"

"Mr. Mann added he is convinced that Maritime officials realize this is a natural growth and are not opposed to it."

"What they don't want is artificial subsidization such as the implementation of vast busher systems at taxpayer expense."

"As chairman of the NHB . . . Mr. Mann said the board's main concern is to encourage the movement of commerce in whatever way is best for the nation as a whole."

"We are prepared to accept as much cargo as we can handle at any of our ports," Mann said. "If this means that Montreal, by becoming a 12-month port, will handle the lion's share to the benefit of Canada, then this is what we must encourage."

Surviving are his wife, two daughters and a foster daughter. The funeral service will be held at Christ Church Anglican Church here at 3:30 p.m. AST Saturday.

N.S. Politician Dies At Age 72

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP) — Geoffrey Stevens, former Nova Scotia health minister who led the longest continuous service record of any provincial legislative assembly member since Confederation, died Thursday at his home here. He was 72.

Mr. Stevens, a Liberal and a prominent businessman here, had been ill since he suffered a stroke about two years ago.

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He said the Nassau pact gave assistance to Britain and there were reasons why the French weren't able to accept the same kind of agreement. The whole emphasis was on strengthening NATO.

"Glen de Gaulle has indicated he is not an admirer of NATO," Kennedy said. "His own opinion is that NATO keeps Europe together."

"The question really is whether we're going to be partners," Kennedy said, or whether there will be enough distance that Khrushchev can exploit it.

"Those who object to NATO object to this tie between us which has protected the United Kingdom and Europe for 15 years," he said.

Notes Reduction

Kennedy noted that there has been a reduction of about 4,500 Soviet military personnel since the removal of weapons. And he said a different type of threat exists.

There still is a substantial body of Soviet technicians and equipment in Cuba, he said.

Kennedy's expression of views came in an aftermath of pronouncements Wednesday from Defence Secretary McNamara and John A. McCone, Central Intelligence Agency director that they are convinced no Soviet weapons of mass destruction are left in Cuba.

The press conference, which began about 9 p.m. EST, was broadcast live over the CBC radio network.

Asked if French President de Gaulle's recent actions were fatal blows to Western unity, Kennedy said they have supported the unification of Europe economically and politically.

He noted that there had been press comment in Europe that the 1962 defense budget was not equal to that of the other countries. He said anyone who looks at the record should come to the opposite conclusion.

President Kennedy Signals for Next Question

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COUNCIL OF WOMEN PRESENTS BRIEF

Mrs. Saul Hayes, left, of Montreal presents the National Council of Women's brief to Prime Minister Diefenbaker Thursday at Ottawa. Although Parliament was dissolved Wednesday, the five party officials have left little doubt of their confidence in the principals become available to the public.

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The government plans gross expenditures of \$1,074,715,000 on an ordinary account in the fiscal year starting April 1, compared with an estimated \$1,029,870,000 for the current year.

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